

Opequon Presbyterian Church

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten.** These bags are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 am each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **A water fountain** is located off the Gathering Area.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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David R. Witt----- Pastor
Tracie Martin----- Parish Associate
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
William Heavner ----- Organist
Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor-----Sexton
Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 19, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *St. George Windsor*

CHIMES PRELUDE (11:00) *Simple Gifts*

LOGOS Youth Worship

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders - please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES FOR MISSION Mitch Orndorff,

Chair of Trustees

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order p. 6)

..... *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude as we come to worship you.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 612 *We Praise You, O God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's Mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are "pack rats", O Lord. You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the Giver. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world, remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You are loved by God and given a bounty of gifts to be used to help others. Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with you, continually blessing you and the gifts in your service. And, praise God for the Gift of all gifts, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 654..... *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*
(Choir-1st time, All-2nd time)

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Look at the World*

John Rutter

Virginia Barr, soloist (8:30), LOGOS K-5 worship (11:00)

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the trees and mountain, look at the hills, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before

the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Judges 4:1-7..... Pew Bible p. 191

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30..... Pew Bible p. 807

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Don't Bury Your Talent!"

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

SERMON..... "How We Live"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY OF REDEDICATION

The voice of God is speaking to you. God is calling you today to come and rejoice. Come to me, dear ones. Open your hands.

We can't, Lord. Our hands are calloused and dirty and rough.

Open your hands. My healing and cleansing love will protect and soothe you.

Come to me, beloved friends. Open your hands.

We can't, Lord. Our hands have been wounded and they are bleeding.

Open your hands and I will touch your wounds and stop the bleeding.

Come to me, disciples and witnesses. Open your hands.

We can't, Lord. We have nothing to offer to you. Our hands are empty.

Open your hands and I will give you my peace. Now you are healed.

Now we can reach out to help.

Now you can go into the world to offer blessing and hope.

Praise be to you, O God, who has taken our excuses and turned them into commitment.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts*

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 36..... *For the Fruit of All Creation*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 (vv. 1, 3)..... *In My Life*

CCLI 1625560

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

THE HARVEST DISPLAY

The beautiful harvest display on the historic communion table and the window displays in the Sanctuary were created by Robin Eddy and Mary Elson. Opequon is blessed and truly thankful for its many talented church family members.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Carson Ritter
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler,
Cameron & Carson Ritter, Taylor Roark

11:00

Acolyte: Lucy Weber
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Scarlett Kibler
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Jason Brown, Bill Robinson, Sam Sherman,
Lucy & Luke Weber, Joel Witt

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

CCLI # 1622560

Words and Music by
BRIAN DOERKSEN

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Come Now is the time to wor - ship. Come now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to wor - ship. Come, just as you are be - fore your God. Come. One day ev - ery tongue will con - fess you are God. One day ev - ery knee will bow. Still the great - est trea - sure re - mains. for those who glad - ly choose You now.'

D
Come Now is the time to wor - ship.

5 A Em E/F# G
Come now is the time to give your heart.

9 D
Come, just as you are to wor - ship.

13 A Em Em/F# G
Come, just as you are be - fore your God.

17 D Fine G D
Come. One day ev - ery tongue will con - fess you are God.

21 G D G
One day ev - ery knee will bow. Still the great - est trea - sure re - mains.

24 Bm Em A
for those who glad - ly choose You now.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 19-26, 2017

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour,
Session Meeting with Newcomers—Memorial Sanctuary
11:00 am: Morning Worship, LOGOS Worship Groups
12:15 pm: Pilgrims' Feast—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
No LOGOS This Week
Thanksgiving Service—7:00 pm—Kernstown UMC
Thursday &
Friday: Happy Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed
Saturday: Betty Dobler 90th Birthday—11:00am-2:00 pm—TVOR

NEXT SUNDAY—Christ the King Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon: "The Living Presence of Christ"
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade
Motel Ministry—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall

You Are Invited to...
The Pilgrims' Feast
TODAY!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carol Tubbs
Stan Paskel Family
Janice Brown Family
Helen DeCeault Family
Kes Tariku & Family
Carbaugh Family
Jim Butler
Lori Jones
Texas Shooting Tragedy
William Bland
McCord Family
Bill Heavner
Stephen Armstrong
Bruce Medcalf
Yeakley Pullen
Chrissy Robinson
Roseann Gundy
Jane Damewood

Russell & Mary Lee Metheny
Alexis Dunne
Gretchen Cooley
Mary Henneman
Susan Lee
Heidi McMurdo
Jerry Edwards
Mac McNichols
Dick Crane
Russ Cutshall
First Responders; FEMA,
National & Local
Jennifer O'Ferrell
Art Sperry
Annette Tutlon
Kerry Foster
Robert L Adams
Carolyn Rutherford

Katie Heavner Baker
Steve Guthrie
Mark Wilhelm
James Searcy
Casey Carr
Al Owens
Donna & Terry Coffman
Gordy Lindow
Frances Pitcock
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Samuel Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

121ST ANNUAL KERNSTOWN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm
Kernstown United Methodist Church
Combined Choirs singing
Communion, Pastor Witt Preaching
Evening Offering for Local Outreach
Child Care Provided, Fellowship Reception

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS—ANIMAL SAFARI!

We are going to have a WILD ADVENTURE with the Bible during this workshop! Children preschool-4th grade are invited to have some 'animal fun', hear two amazing Bible stories that show us how being honest is important and that we DON'T need to run from God! It can be like a 'zoo' out there, but we can always trust that God is with us. This exciting workshop meets in classroom 3 on the downstairs hallway.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Patty Klinefelter, Opequon's own Faith Community Nurse, will conduct blood pressure screenings TODAY after 8:30 and before and after 11:00 worship.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

TODAY-Pilgrim's Feast at 12:15pm—Come serve those in our congregation as they sit down to a delicious Thanksgiving Meal after worship. This is the fundraiser for our Christmas service project during Midnight Gladness. We will greet everyone, pour drinks, pass out food, and share about our faith journeys. **November 26-Motel Ministry at 12:15pm**—Be a part of our monthly outreach where we visit the local motels with toiletries, food, and paper products. We need YOU to give just a little bit of your time towards this ministry. It's as easy as being a friendly face in the neighborhood!

A SPECIAL ADVENT MORNING

Did you know that the church year **BEGINS** with the season of Advent? Indeed, it does! We are quickly approaching that time, the beginning of the church year, the first Sunday of Advent, **December 3**. You are invited to the G.I.F.T. Event that morning at 9:45 am. "GIFT" means 'generations in faith together'. It is a morning when all ages come together for the educational time and on December 3 you will get treated to a **pancake breakfast, Advent music, and some extraordinary Advent moments!** We are making a **BIG DEAL** about Advent and we want YOU to be a part of it!

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

A "Grief and the Holiday" session will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at 11:00 am in the Bageant Room. Please contact Patty Klinefelter at 869-6080 or pklinefe@gmail.com to register.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS

November 26-Join the Opequon Youth after church at 12:15 pm as they serve some food to those who live in local motels and enjoy conversation with one another. The Youth need some additional helping hands, so please come!

GROUP EMAIL MESSAGES FROM OPC

We have recently learned that members in the congregation who are Comcast customers no longer receive our twice weekly emails. Comcast has placed opequonchurch.org on their black list for sending "spam." There is nothing we can do to remedy the situation. **Each individual customer needs to call and speak to Comcast directly.** They can make the adjustment to fix on their end.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH:

8:30–85

Faith Formation–61

11:00–127

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this Thursday, November 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester. It is presented by Frederick and Winchester church partners, corporate sponsors, and business supporters. Last year, 1,300 meals were plated with the help of over 450 volunteers! There are many ways to be a part of the “gift to the community.” **120 baked turkeys and 120 pumpkin, apple, or pecan pies are needed.** You may sign up to volunteer or donate food at www.pfcwinc.org or call Bob Cleaver, 540-771-7572 or Bill Stewart at 540-771-7569.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The OPC Community Garden is applying for the seed money grant again this year. We are being challenged to raise \$600 via our crowdfunding page during our 30-day challenge period. The first 50 projects that are able to do so will be granted an additional \$400 seed money. The 30-day challenge period runs from November 15 to December 15. You can donate directly by visiting our crowdfunding page: <https://donate.seedmoney.org/1318/opc-community-garden>. For more information or to donate by check reach out to one of our garden leaders: Robin Owens - robinowensopcsession@gmail.com
Dana Kelly - davedana@comcast.net
Joelle Cafaro - drhealer@gmail.com

COMING SOON!

TY HEADLEY TREE OF WARMTH—ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's talk about the Words of Assurance.

- The words of assurance immediately follow the Prayer of Confession. After we have said we are “sorry” to God, we hear the good news that God forgives us for everything. THANKS BE TO GOD!
- The words of assurance are the words that express to us that God is gracious and forgiving. These words are necessary so that people are not left wondering if they are forgiven or not.
- The words of assurance remind us of God's unending love through Jesus.
- This part of worship offers us the guarantee, the promise, the trust that God sets us free from our sin. That is great news!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Will be held for all new or seasoned volunteers on Thursday, November 30, 6:30 pm in the Memorial Sanctuary. You will find a blue volunteer sign-up sheets inserted in this bulletin. Contact Volunteer Coordinators **Graham Taylor**, 540-247-4663, gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com or **Heather Burton**, 540-771-0121, mcpitch5@hotmail.com if you are willing to serve in any capacity.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express God's gifts and our thankfulness?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

How do I bury my talents? How do I use my talents?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

How risk averse are you?

Where am I called to take risks to exercise my faith and employ God's gifts?

How is God calling me to invest myself in the Lord's work, grateful for what God has already done for me?

What can I do to double all God has given?

How can I use my hands, heart, feet, and mind in the week ahead to serve Christ and neighbor?

What did I learn from our study of Judges 4 and Matthew 25 that I will apply to my life?